

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph between line 26 of page 5 and line 7 of page 6 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIG. 1, a schematic diagram of the mechanism of the invention is shown. In the embodiment of FIG. 1, the mechanism is downstream from a sequencing device generally depicted as reference numeral 10. The sequencing device 10 includes an optical system "O" for reading information on mail objects and other types of products, as well as an input mechanism ["T"] "I", transporting mechanism "T" and an output device "OD" feeding the product to the packaging mechanism 100. The sequencing device 10 is capable of sequencing product in a delivery point sequence as is well understood in the art, and may be any sequencing device known to those of ordinary skill in the art such as for example, a sequencing device manufactured by Lockheed Martin Systems Integration.

Please replace the paragraph between lines 6-19 of page 7 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Still referring to FIG. 1, the bag bed plate 104 includes, in one embodiment, a curved end 104a. In another embodiment, the end 104a may simply be straight or other configuration, none of which are limiting features to the invention. The curved end 104a, though, may facilitate the to packaging and drop off of the formed package, itself. A clamping, cutting and serrate mechanism 110 is also provided. Additionally, a roller or bar-type structure 112 is positioned near a top surface of the bag forming mechanism 102 at a stage of operation. The structure 112 directs wrapping "W" from a wrapping supply roll 114 to the packaging mechanism 440 100. A tray or container 118 is used to hold the sequenced packaged product "P". The container 118 is located on and movable by a conveyer 120 downstream from an output end of the packaging mechanism 100. The components of the invention are controlled by controller "C", as discussed in more detail below.

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As seen in FIGS. 4-6, this same process repeats itself until the container is full of sequenced packaged product in delivery point order, all in a vertical, stacked position. FIGS. 4-6 further show that the wrap remains interconnected between packages during the stacking process. This ensures that the packaged products remain in a delivery order, and also permits easy tear off by a carrier when at the corresponding delivery point. The latter being possible due to a serration performed on the wrap "W" at the interconnection points by the clamping and serrate mechanism 110 prior to dropping each packaged product into the tray. When the tray is full, the wrap is cut by the mechanism ~~400~~ 110 so that a next tray, if needed, can be positioned for filling in accordance with the invention.